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SUBJ: US COUNCIL OF CHURCHES VISITOR TO ASUNCION

1. DR. JOEL GAJARDO, LATIN AMERICAN DIRECTOR OF THE US COUNCIL OF CHURCHES CALLED ON THE AMBASSADOR APRIL 27 ACCOMPANIED BY PASTOR ARMIN IHLE OF THE PARAGUAYAN INTER-FAITH CHURCH COMMITTEE. DR. GAJARDO EXPLAINED THAT, THOUGH HE IS CHILEAN AND HAS TRAVELED THROUGHOUT LATIN AMERICA BEFORE, THIS IS HIS FIRST VISIT SINCE BECOMING DIRECTOR OF LATIN AMERICA. HE HAS JUST COMPLETED VISITS TO CHILE, ECUADOR, COLOMBIA AND BRAZIL.

2. DR. GAJARDO SAID THAT THE US COUNCIL HAS ITS CONSERVATIVE AND ACTIVIST ELEMENTS IN PROMOTING CONCERN FOR HUMAN RIGHTS SIMILAR TO THE DIVISION FOUND AMONG THE CLERGY IN MANY LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES. FOR THIS REASON, THOUGH AN OFFICE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS WAS CREATED WITHIN THE COUNCIL, IT HAS NOT RECEIVED THE APPROPRIATIONS NECESSARY FOR IT TO FUNCTION WELL.

3. COMMENT: DR. GAJARDO APPEARS TO BE WELL TRAVELED IN THE REGION. A PRACTICING PRESBYTERIAN MINISTER WHO UNTIL RECENTLY TAUGHT AT CORNELL UNIVERSITY, HE DID POST GRADUATE WORK AT THE WILSON SCHOOL OF
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GOVERNMENT AT PRINCETON. HE COMMENTED AT ONE POINT AT HIS PLEASURE IN SEEING THE US GOVERNMENT CONCERNED WITH HUMAN RIGHTS, IMPLYING THAT THIS WAS A NEW EXPERIENCE FOR BOTH HIMSELF AND THE DEPARTMENT.
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